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*Plague in Osaka.*KOBE, JAPAN, *January 7, 1900.*

SIR: I have pleasure in informing you that no case of plague has occurred in this district since my last notification on the 1st instant. It is now nineteen days since the last case occurred. From Osaka the account is not so good, for up to the present time there have been 41 cases and 38 deaths in that city, but the place always lends itself to epidemics of disease, due to its position, structure, and want of sanitation. The authorities are taking vigorous measures in that locality likewise.

Respectfully,
J. BUCKWILL FOWLER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.
 The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NETHERLANDS.

*Report from Rotterdam.*ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *January 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions of the Service at this port for the week ended January 29: Ten vessels were inspected and received bills of health. On the 24th instant, the steamship *Statendam* cleared for New York, carrying passengers and freight. She carried 30 cabin and 181 steerage passengers, and 69 pieces of baggage were inspected and labeled and 69 pieces were disinfected and labeled. One case of measles was detained from the steerage passengers and sent to hospital. There has been no sickness among the shipping as far as I am able to learn, and the health of this port is good, with the exception of influenza, which is very prevalent. I am unable to obtain any statistics, but it is generally admitted that influenza is epidemic here.

Respectfully,
A. R. THOMAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

PORTUGAL.

*End of plague in Oporto—Request that quarantine restrictions against Portuguese vessels be removed.*WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 7, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose for your consideration copy of a note from the Portuguese chargé d'affaires ad interim at this capital, stating that there have been no cases of the bubonic plague at Oporto since January 19 last, and requesting the raising of the quarantine against vessels coming from Portugal and her possessions.

Respectfully,
JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

FEBRUARY 2, 1900.

SIR: I am officially advised by cable, that since January 19 last, no new cases of bubonic plague or death from that disease have occurred in Oporto, where the sanitary conditions have been restored to a perfectly normal state.

Such being the case throughout all the rest of the continent of the kingdom, as well as at Azores, Maderia, Cape Verde and West Africa Possessions, I have the honor to request

your excellency to cause the necessary instructions to be given to whom it may concern, as to suppression of quarantines and all precautionary measures now in effect at the ports of the United States, against vessels arriving from said places.

Respectfully,

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

I. DA COSTA DUARTE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 9, 1900.*

SIR: Referring to the letter of the honorable Secretary of State of the 7th instant, transmitting a communication from the Portuguese legation, dated February 2, 1900, in which the chargé d'affaires of said legation states that he is officially advised that since January 19, 1900, no new cases of bubonic plague, or deaths from the same, have occurred in Oporto, that sanitary conditions are normal throughout the rest of the kingdom as well as at Azores, Madeira, Cape Verde and West African Possessions, and requesting removal of quarantine restrictions, I have the honor to state that the provisions of Circular No. 143, of December 8, 1899, have been modified by Circular No. 6, of January 16, 1900; and that this modification is of such character that no unnecessary quarantine measures will be applied to vessels from Portugal.

Respectfully,

WALTER WYMAN,

Supervising Surgeon-General U. S. M. H. S.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Quarantine against Oporto raised by the Portuguese Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 10, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose for your information copy of a note from the Portuguese chargé d'affaires at this capital, announcing that his Government has raised the quarantine established against Oporto because of the existence of the bubonic plague.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,

Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

FEBRUARY 8, 1900.

SIR: In connection with my note of the 2d instant, I have the honor to inform your excellency that his excellency the minister for foreign affairs has cabled me stating that in yesterday's *Diario do Governo*,—the Portuguese Government's official gazette—appears the royal decree abrogating the sanitary restrictions adopted in Portugal and its possessions against Oporto since the outbreak of the bubonic plague, the epidemic thus being considered as totally extinct.

Having the honor to bring this information to your excellency's knowledge, I avail myself of the opportunity to renew the request expressed in my note above referred to.

Respectfully,

I. DA COSTA DUARTE.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

SCOTLAND.

Report from Glasgow.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, *January 27, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions at this port for the week ended January 27, 1900: January 26, cleared the steamship *Indrani* for Baltimore, Md.; her cargo was composed of general merchandise from the British Isles. January 27, cleared the steamship *Assyrian* for Philadelphia, Pa.; her cargo was from the British Isles with the exception of 100 cases of opium from Smyrna. January 27, cleared the steamship *Livonian* for New York;